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## **UNITED STATES ATTORNEY REPORTS WEEKLY RESULTS OF ST. LOUIS REGIONAL CEASEFIRE INITIATIVE**

St. Louis, Missouri: The following represents the prosecution activities under the St. Louis Regional Ceasefire Initiative, a component of the Bush Administration's Project Safe Neighborhoods Program, United States Attorney James G. Martin announced today.

These cases are the result of the collaborative efforts of federal and local law enforcement including the U.S. Attorney's Office, the St. Louis City Circuit Attorney's Office, the St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the U.S. Marshal's Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and the St. Louis County Police Department.

This week's results of Project Safe Neighborhood/Ceasefire are as follows:

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JOHN HENRY BLAKE, 22, 2900 block of Sullivan, 63107, was sentenced to 26 months in prison, without parole, on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

JERRY OUSLEY, 24, of the 1400 block of Pine, St. Louis, 63103, was sentenced to 51 months in prison, without parole, on one felony count of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

LARRY HAYES, 24, of the 4200 block of John, St. Louis, was sentenced to 25 months in prison, without parole, on two felony counts of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

JEFFREY COCO, 33, of the 4200 block of Snelson, St. Louis, pled guilty to one felony count of

possession of cocaine, one felony count of possession with intent to distribute a quantity of marijuana and one felony count of being a drug user in possession of firearms. Coco now faces a maximum penalty of sixteen years in prison and/or fines up to \$500,000. Sentencing has been set for January 13, 2005.

ALAN MAYWEATHER, 38, of the 4700 block of Highland, 63113, pled guilty to one felony count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Mayweather now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for February 13, 2005.

JOEY RICHMOND, 21, of the 4300 block of Raven, St. Louis, 63121, pled guilty to one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Richmond now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for January 5, 2005.

JEROME LEWIS, 26, of the 4400 block of Red Bud, St. Louis, 63115, was indicted by a federal grand jury on one felony count of possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine and one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. If convicted of all charges, Lewis faces a maximum penalty of 50 years in prison and/or a fine of \$2,000,000.

The charges set forth in an indictment are merely accusations, and each defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.